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NODIS PARIS MEETINGS/PLUS

SUBJECT: NEXT PLENARY

REFS: A. SAIGON 15227; B. USDEL FRANCE 20162

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT US DEFINITELY WISHES TO GO AHEAD WITH HOLDING PLENARY SESSION OCT. 26 AND URGE GVN TO INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION TO PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. SINCE PORTER HAS JUST REPORTED BY SECURE PHONE THAT PHONG IS GETTING INSTRUCTIONS DIRECT FROM PALACE NOT RPT NOT TO AGREE TO MEET THIS WEEK, SUGGEST YOU TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH GVN AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PROPOSAL BY OUR SIDE AT THIS TIME TO DEFER MEETING WOULD ENGENDER FURTHER SPECULATION REGARDING STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PLAY INTO HANDS OF OTHER SIDE'S PROPAGANDISTS.

2. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH POINTS PHONG PROPOSED TO MAKE IN HIS STATEMENT (PARA 5, REF. B) AND CONCUR IN USDEL MAKING PRESENTATION IN GENERAL TERMS ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

GDS. ROGERS

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